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Title : Need for proper repair and maintenance of National Highway −55 in Darjeeling, West Bengal.

SHRI D. NARBULA (DARJEELING): Road plays vital role in the development of an area. Central government therefore spends huge amount for the development of the roads in different parts of the country. Darjeeling situated in the extreme north of the country is famous for tourism. People form different parts of the country as well as from abroad come to Darjeeling to enjoy its scenic beauty and the Himalayan mountains. All people coming to Darjeeling have to go through N.H.55, which connects Darjeeling form Siliguri or Bagdogra. But the condition of N.H.55 is not very good. The Central Government has sanctioned several crores of rupees for repairs and Maintenance of NH-55.

Previously the construction of roads in Darjeeling was taken up in phased manner and several different contractors were engaged to repair and maintenance of roads were done properly. But now after the introduction of the package system, the work of maintenance and repairs of the National highway No. 55 about 28 k.m. from West Point, Darjeeling has been awarded to one company which is not satisfactory.

I, therefore, urge upon Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Highways to intervene into the matter so that the huge amount of money sanctioned by the Central Government is properly utilized and the money thus sanctioned by the Central Government do not go waste.